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A select reading list on California

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Note. Excepting in the list of fiction the selection has been mainly limited to books and articles describing present conditions.

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Indexes and catalogues consulted

American catalogue. 1876-95.

Annual American catalogue. 1896-97.

Poole's index. 1882-92.

"A. L. A. " index.

A. L. I. index. 1892-96.

Cumulative index. 1896-97.

Dixson. Subject index to prose fiction.

Bowker and Iles. Books for girls and women.

Griswold. Novels dealing with American life.

Poore. Descriptive catalogue of government publications.

Ames. Comprehensive index of the publications of the U. S. government. 1889-93.

Crandall. Catalogue of the public documents of the 53rd Congress.



Maps and guides

Books

Rand McNally and Co's new enlarged scale rail-road and county map of California. Chic. 1884.

There are also good maps of Northern, Central and Southern California in Rand McNally and Co's atlases.

Climatic map of California. San Fran. 1887.

Published by the Southern Pacific R. R.

Whitaker and Ray's map of California.

Shows rail-road lines, county roads, land grants etc.

Doxey's guide to San Francisco and the pleasure resorts of California. illus. maps. San Fran. 1897.

Gotten up in attractive form and well illustrated.

Periodical articles

Relief map of the Pacific regions. (J. S. Hittel)

Overland, new ser., vol.18, p.144-50.

Map, with textual comments on meteorological features, etc.

Description and travel

Books

Beyond the Rockies. (C. A. Stoddard) illus. N. Y.
1894.

The story of a trip through the Southern and
Western states. Has chapters on California.

Glimpses of three coasts. (H. H. Jackson) Bost. 1886.

The first third of the book is devoted to
Southern California and the California mis-
sions. Part of the material appeared origin-
ally in the Century, vol. 4 and 5.

Summer suns in the far West. (W. G. Blaikie) Lond.
1890.

California from an English point of view.

Across the plains. (R. L. Stevenson) N. Y. 1892.

Includes essays on the Chinese and Indians,
San Francisco and Monterey.

Mountains of California. (John Muir) illus. N. Y.
1894.

Combines truthfulness of observation and
beauty of expression.

Periodical articles

Camping out in California. (J. R. G. Hassard) illus.
Century, vol. 11, p.736-50.

- Experience of a camping party on Pine Mt.
Picturesque plant-life in California. (C. H. Shinn)
illus. Century, vol.22, p.834-45.
Interesting to the horticulturist and botanist.
Redwood logging camp. (Ernest Ingersoll) illus.
Harper, vol.66, p.193-210.
Entertaining account of experiences.
Wild flowers of the California alps. (B. F. Herrick)
illus. Popular Science Mo., vol.51, p.348-57.
Study of the wild flowers of different seasons
and localities.
Earthquakes in California and elsewhere. (E. S. Holden)
Overland, new ser., vol. 11, p.39-49.
Observations made at Lick Observatory.

Climate

Books

- Two health-seekers in Southern California. (N. A. Edwards and Beatrice Harraden) Phil. 1897.
An unprejudiced study of the climate of
Southern California.
Mediterranean shores of America. (P. C. Remondino)
illus. Phil. 1892.

Gives special attention to climate and health resorts.

Periodical articles

Wintering in California. (C. H. Shinn) illus.

Outing, vol.15, p.243-50, 352-60.

Winter health resorts all over California.

Southern California revisited. (H. T. Finck) Nation,
vol.57, p.282-84.

Tells what are the most ideal resorts for
summer and for winter.

Life in California

Periodical articles

Social changes in California. (C. H. Shinn) Popular
Science Mo., vol.38, p.794-803.

Economic and educational progress and political retrogression.

Real Utopias in the arid West. (W. E. Smythe) Atlantic
vol.79, p.604-9.

The socialistic side of California settlement colonies.

The California ranch. (E. G. Cummins) illus.

Cosmopolitan, vol.4, p.215-24.

Stories and anecdotes of examples of this
notable feature of California life.

Western housekeeper and the Celestial. (May Hoskin)

Lippincott, vol.59, p.119-23.

Trying and amusing experiences with the
heathen Chinese.

Building and loan associations. (William Corbin) illus

Overland, new ser., vol.29, p.671-74.

What they are doing in California.

The good roads movement. (C. F. Johnson) illus.

Overland, new ser., vol.29, p.247-61, 442-54.

The California Bureau of Highways and its
work. .

Education

Books

Story of the files. (E. S. Cummins) illus. Chic.
1893.

California writers and literature, past and
present.

Periodical articles

The new education in California. (C. D. Adsit)

Education, vol.10, p.118-26.

Account of the progress of manual training
and the kindergarten in California schools.

Schools of California. (M. L. Cheney) Overland, new
ser., vol.12, p.82-87.

Carefully presented facts and statistics.

The university and practical life. (C. T. Hopkins)

Overland, new ser., vol.19, p.421-32.

Estimate of the curriculums of the University
of California and Leland Stanford Junior
University.

Literary development of California. (G. F. Atherton)

Cosmopolitan, vol.10, p.269-78.

Several modern California writers and their
work.

Journalism in California. (M. H. de Young) Lippin-
cott, vol.50, p.366-71.

Brief resumé of California newspapers and
their distinctive features.

Agriculture

The conquest of arid America. (W. E. Smythe) illus.
Century, vol.50, p.85-99.

Review of the work that irrigation has
accomplished in the West.

Co-operation among farmers. (E. F. Adams) Forum,
vol.20, p.364-76.

Experiments of co-operation societies in
California, and their failures and successes.
Agriculture as an occupation for women in California.

Overland, new ser., vol.9, p.652-58.

Results of an investigation by a committee of
college alumnae.

Breadstuffs in California: production and trade.

(Horace Davis) Journal of Political Econ., vol.2,
p.517-35.

Very careful study of the past and present of
this branch of agriculture in California and
outlook for the future.

Fruit industry in California. (C. H. Shinn) illus.
Popular Science Mo., vol.44, p.200-217.

Its economic and practical aspects.

Raisin industry in California. (J. T. Goodman) illus.
Overland, new ser., vol.19, p.493-508.

The progress of the industry, and methods of
culture and curing.

California olive ranch. (E. Wallace) illus. Overland,
new ser., vol.21, p.278-85.

Methods and prospects in olive raising.

Industries

Periodical articles

Our great Pacific commonwealth. (W. E. Smythe)
Century, vol.53, p.300-307.

A careful study of ultimate California.
Labor in California? (C. C. Plehn) Yale Review,
vol.4, p.409-25.

Deals with present industrial conditions.
Races and labor problems in California. (G. H. Fitch)
Chautauquan, vol.24, p.427-32.

Comparitive estimate of the Chinese and
European immigrants as laborers.
Wine-growing in California. (William Roberts) Fort-
nightly, vol.59, p.394-403.

Methods of wine-making and comparative
value of California wines.

Upland pastures. (Ninetta Eames) illus. Cosmopol-
itan, vol.20, p.518-29.

The picturesue side of California sheep-ranching.

Arcadian bee ranching. (Ninetta Eames) illus.

Harper, vol.92, p.509-18.

Description of a typical Western apiary.

California Indians and the missions

Books

Native races of the Pacific coast. (H. H. Bancroft)

5 vol. N. Y. 1876.

The standard work on the subject.

Story of the old missions of California. (L. B. Powers)

illus. San Fran. 1893.

History of the missions, their present condition, and plea for their preservation.

Periodical articles

Among the old missions of California. (J. T. Connor)

illus. Chautauquan, vol.22, p.185-92.

An entertaining description of California missions as they are.

Missions and mission Indians of California. (H. W.

Henshaw) illus. Popular Science Mo., vol.37, p.465-85.

Unfavorable view of the influence of the mission system on the Indian.

The California "Diggers". (M. L. Miller) illus.

Popular Science Mo., vol.50, p.201-14.

Careful study of a tribe now disappearing.

Northern California.

Periodical articles

Shasta of Siskiyou. (C. H. Shinn) illus. Outing,
vol.17, p.173-77, 252-58.

Natural beauty on Shasta and in its vicinity.
To Shasta's feet. (Ninetta Eames) illus. Overland,
new ser., vol.10, p.561-76, and vol. 11, p.1-22.

Entertaining account of a climb up Shasta
and a journey through the country and towns
in its neighborhood.

The redwood flora in April. (Carl Purdy) Garden and
Forest, vol.9, p.272-73.

Flower-life in the woods round Mendocino.
By northern rivers of California. (Ninetta Eames)
illus. Overland, new ser., vol.23, p.225-40.

The picturesque in the mountain streams of
Northern California.

The California lakes. (C. H. Shinn) illus. Overland,
new ser., vol.18, p.1-19.

A refutation of the idea that California has
no lake regions.

The Switzerland of California. (Stephen Power)

Lakeside, vol.10, p.339-45.

Climatic advantages and scenic beauties of
Lake County.

Central California

Books

Bits of travel at home. (H. H. Jackson) Bost. 1882.

Has chapters on San Francisco, the Yosemite,
etc.

In the heart of the Sierras. (J. M. Hutchings) illus.
San Fran. 1897.

A description of the Yosemite valley and
the big trees.

Periodical articles

The city on the Golden Gate. (G. H. Fitch) illus.
Chautauquan, vol.23, p.659-68.

Rather slight but entertaining account of
San Francisco business and social life.

Parks of San Francisco. (C. S. Greene) illus. Over-
land, new ser., vol.17, p.225-43.

Sketches of San Francisco's beautiful public grounds.

San Francisco water-front. (C. S. Greene) illus.

Overland, new ser., vol.19, p.337-45.

The picturesque in the San Francisco harbor and docks.

A night in Chinatown. (G. H. Fitch) illus. Cosmopolitan, vol.2, p.349-58.

The Chinese Quarter and the life of its inhabitants.

The Chinese drama. (F. J. Masters) illus. Chautauquan, vol.21, p.434-42.

Includes an interesting account of the theatres in San Francisco.

City of the oaks. (Cecil Hammerton) illus. Overland, new ser., vol.27, p.674-704.

Oakland and Alameda County.

The college town of California. (F. E. Sheldon) Overland, new ser., vol.7, p.581-91:

Berkeley and its university.

Wild gardens of the Sierra Nevada. (C. H. Shinn) Garden and Forest, vol.9, p.343.

The beauty of the California mountains and

their vegetation.

Treasures of the Yosemite. (John Muir) illus. Century, vol.18, p.483-500.

Valuable and entertaining.

Camping tour to the Yosemite. (W. Laidlaw) illus. Outlook, vol.56, p.319-24.

"Roughing it" in the Yosemite valley.

Yosemite valley and the big trees. (Ronsvelle Wildman) illus. Overland, new ser., vol.28, p.199-211.

Interestingly written.

Southern California

Books

Our Italy. (C. D. Warner) illus. N. Y. 1891.

Much is said in praise and little in criticism of the American Italy and Mediterranean.

Part of the material appeared originally in Harper, vol.81 and 82.

A-birding on a bronco. (F. A. Merriam) illus. Bost. 1896.

Birds and their nests in Southern California.

Southern California. (T. S. Van Dyke) (N. Y. 1886.

The author is an authority on California.

California of the South. (Walter Lindley and J. B. Wid-
ney) illus. N. Y. 1889.

The author's opinions on climate and health
resorts are conservative and sound.

Illustrated sketches of Death Valley, and other borax
deserts of the Pacific coast. (J. R. Spears) illus
Chic. 1892.

Their features of romance and utility.

All about Pasadena and its vicinity. (C. F. Holder)
illus. Bost. 1889.

Climate, missions, trails and cãnons, fruits,
flowers and game.

Santa Barbara and around there. (Edwards Roberts)
illus. Bost. 1886.

All that Mr. Roberts writes on California is
careful and interesting.

Periodical articles

Impressions of Southern California. (Beatrice Harraden)
Blackwoods, vol.161, p.172-80.

The author thinks that California must be
known before it can be loved.

The Golden Hesperides. (C. D. Warner) Atlantic, vol.
61, p.48-56.

Southern California, its charms and its draw-
backs.

Outdoor industries in Southern California. (H. H.

Jackson) illus. Century, vol.4, p.803-20.

Considers the probable final effect of the
climate on its industries and the people.

Colony life in Southern California. (G. H. Fitch)

illus. Cosmopolitan, vol.2, p.151-58.

Deals especially with Riverside and other
colonies round Los Angeles.

Forests of the California coast range. (F. M. Somers)

illus. Harper, vol.79, p.652-60.

Trees of the California coast from Shasta to
Santa Monica.

Explorations in the Sierra Madre. (C. Lumholtz) illus.

Scribner's Mag., vol.10, p.531-48.

Its natural features, and its inhabitants,
past and present.

In the Sierra Madre with the punchers. Frederic Rem-

ington) illus. Harper, vol.88, p.350-57.

Entertaining account of a hunting trip with
cattlemen and Indian guides.

Over the Santa Lucia. (M L. White) illus. Over-

land, new ser., vol.20, p.449-68.

A drive over the mountains, and incidentally

a study of their Mexican inhabitants.

Echoes in the City of the Angels. (H. H. Jackson)

illus. Century, vol.5, p.194-210.

Los Angeles in the past and present.

"La Fiesta" at Los Angeles. (H. G. Tinsley) illus.

Illustrated American, vol.19, p.692-94.

Brief description of the brilliant carnival of
1896.

Farm village in California. (W. C. Fitzsimmons)

illus. Cosmopolitan, vol.13, p.420-21.

Riverside and its fruit industry.

Autumn days in Ventura. (Ninetta Eames) illus. Over-
land, new ser., vol.14, p.561-80, and vol.15, p.1-23.

Includes an account of Camulos, the home of
"Romona".

Santa Barbara. (Edwards Roberts) illus. Overland,
new ser., vol.4, p.569-75.

In praise of the beauties of the town and its
climate.

Battle of Flowers at Santa Barbara. (Ronnsevelle

Wildman) illus. Overland, new ser., vol.26,
P.50-63.

Santa Barbara's "Fiesta".

Across the Santa Barbara channel. (J. W. Fewkes)

American Naturalist, vol.23, p.211-17, 387-94.

Beauty in nature round the Santa Barbara
coast and islands.

An isle of summer. (D. C. Lockwood) illus. Illus-
trated American, vol.20, p.491-93. .

Santa Catalina Island and its attractions.

Around San Diego Bay. (T. S. Van Dyke) illus. Over-
land, new ser., vol. 11, p.113-22.

The remarkable growth and development of
San Diego.

A partial list of fiction dealing with life in California

The abandoned claim. (F. H. Loughead) Bost. 1891.

Story of a farming enterptise in California
undertaken by some children.

Before the Gringo came. (G. F. Atherton) N. Y. 1894.

Stories of California life before the Gringo,
or American, came.

Boy emigrants. (Noah Brooks) illus. N. Y. 1891.

A story for boys of the early overland travel-
ers to California.

- The cat and the cherub. (C. B. Fernald) N. Y. 1896.
Amusing and clever tales of the San Francisco Chinese quarter. Came out originally in the Century, vol.50-52.
- Counter-currents. (S. W. Weitzel) Bost. /889.
A pleasant story of contemporaneous life.
- Danites in the Sierras. (Joaquin Miller) Chic. 1891.
Mormonism in early California.
- Feud of Oakfield Creek. (Josiah Royce) Bost. 1887.
A story of contemporary California.
- Forty-nine: the gold-seekers of the Sierras. (Joaquin Miller) Bost. 1884.
Tale of love and adventure in the early mining days.
- Gabriel Conroy. (Bret Harts) illus. N. Y. 1876.
The author was the first to celebrate the "forty-niners". The stories by him included here all deal with the pioneer period on the Pacific coast.
- Hilda Strafford. (Beatrice Harraden) illus. N. Y. 1897.
A story of life on a lonely California ranch. Appeared originally in Cosmopolitan, vol.20 and 21.
- Los Cerritos. (G. F. Atherton) N. Y. 1890.

"Los Cerritos" is an abandoned ranch in California, occupied by Mexican half-breed squatters.

Luck of Roaring Camp. (Bret Harte) Bost. 1894.

Mrs. Skagg's husbands, and other sketches. (Bret Harte)
Bost. 1872.

Pasquita, the Indian heroine. (Joaquin Miller) illus.
Hartford, 1881.

A half-autobiographical story from the author's
experiences of Indian life.

Phyllis of the Sierras; and, Drift-wood from Redwood Camp.
(Bret Harte) Bost. 1888.

Polly Oliver's problem. (K. D. Wiggin) illus.
Bost. 1893.

A charming story of a young girl's career.

Came out originally in St. Nicholas, vol. 20.

Ramona. (H. H. Jackson) Bost. 1884.

A tale of unjust treatment of the Indians
by the United States government.

Rifle, rod and gun in California. (T. S. Van Dyke) .
N. Y. 1892.

A sporting romance.

Sappho of Green Springs. (Bret Harte) Bost. 1894.

Silverado squatters. (R. L. Stevenson) Bost. 1895.

Camping experiences in Napa Valley. Appear-

ed originally in the Century, vol.5.

Stories of the foothills. (M. C. Graham) Bost. 1895.

A record of the lives and doings of the poorer class of Californians settled around the foothills.

A summer in a cañon. (K. D. Wiggin) illus. Bost. 1890.

Describes the life of a party of bright young people in a camping trip in Southern California.

Tales of the Argonauts. (Bret Harte) Bost. 1875.

